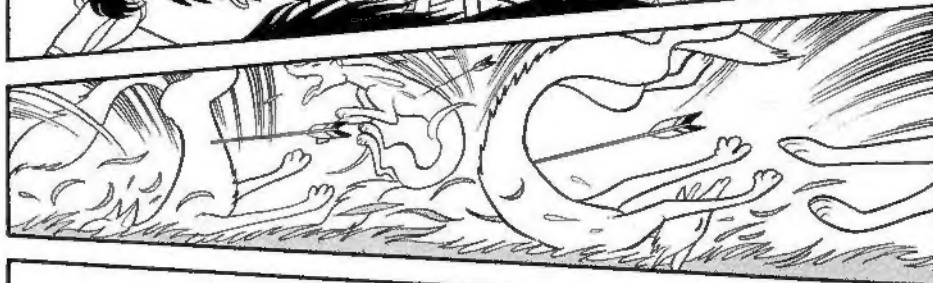
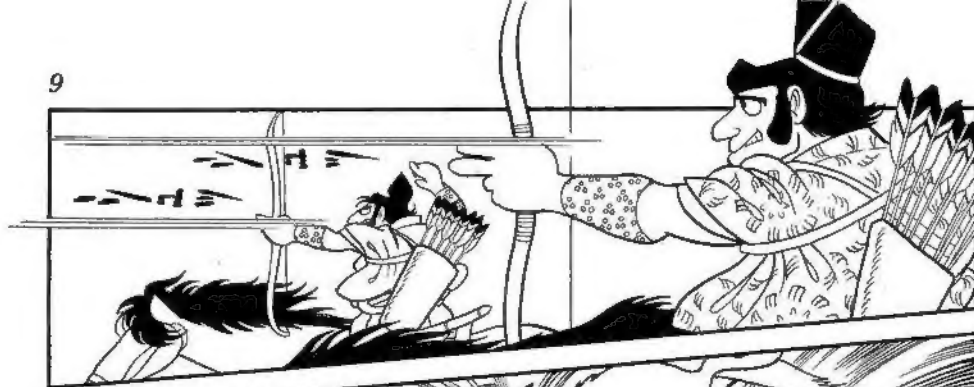
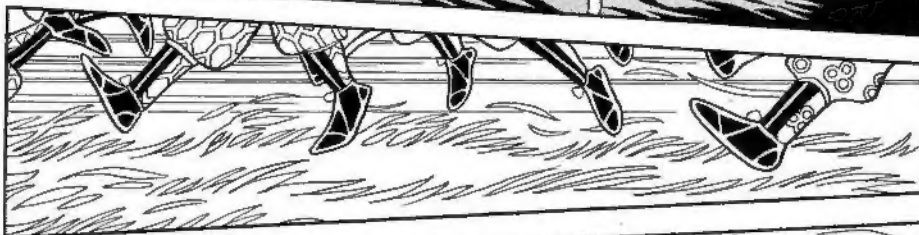
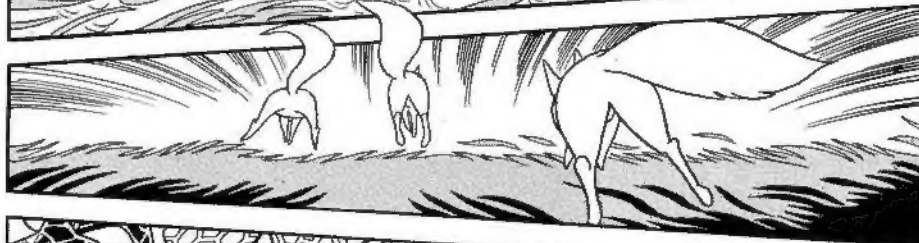




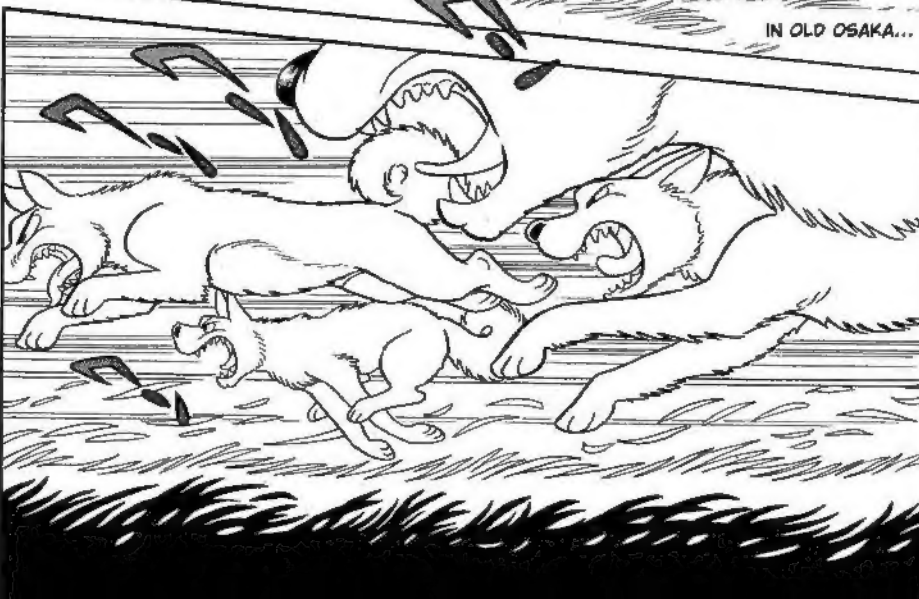
LONG
AGO...



THERE WAS
A MAN NAMED
UEMON ISHI-
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KNEW HIM
BY THIS
NAME
WERE
VERY
FEW.



IN OLD OSAKA...

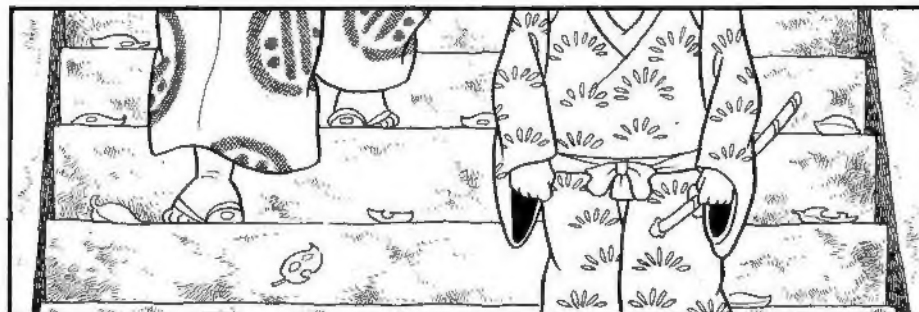


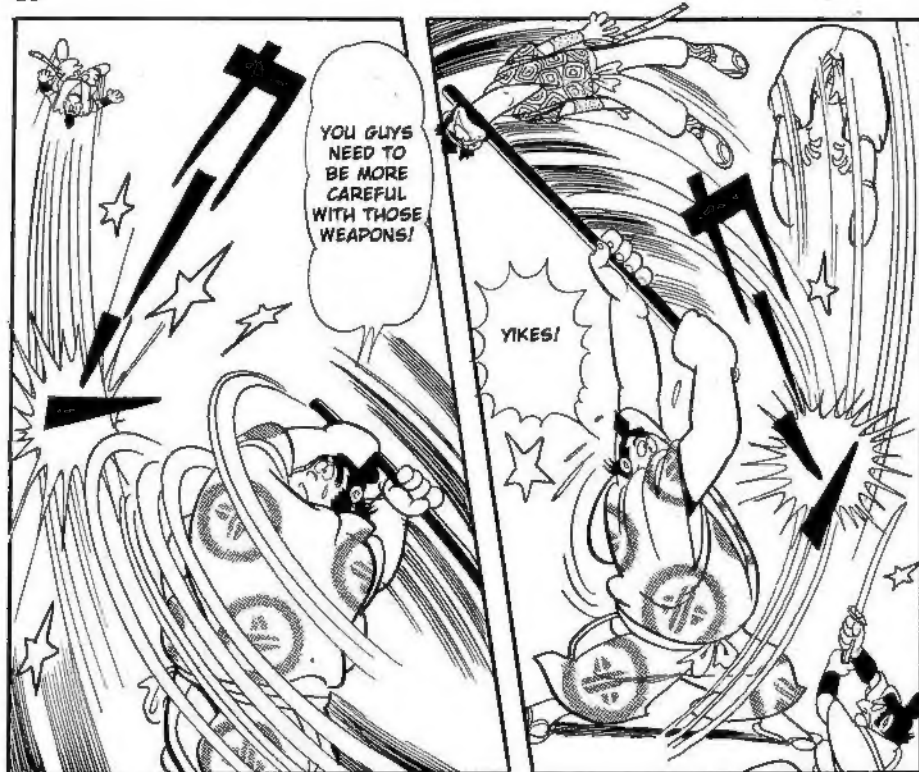


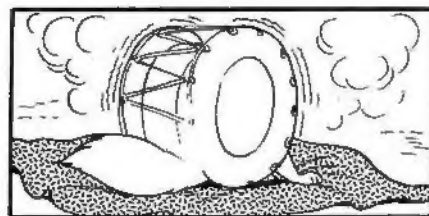
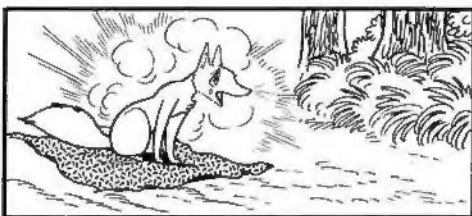
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AKUEMON

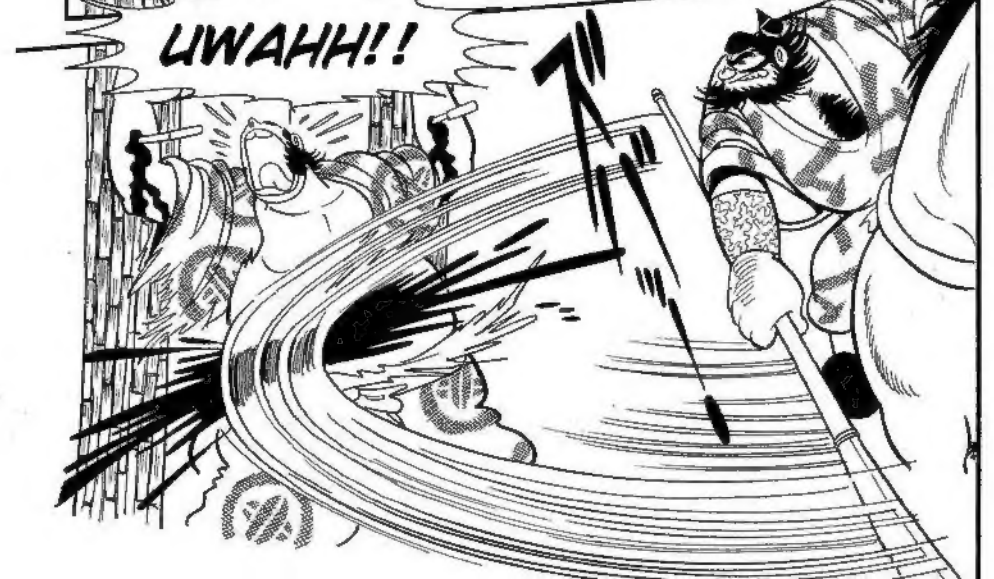
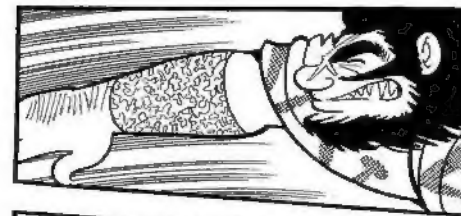


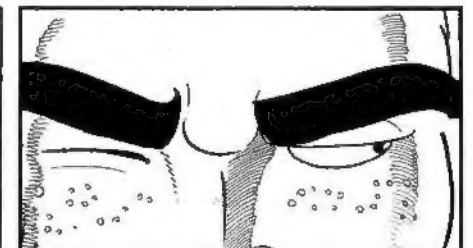
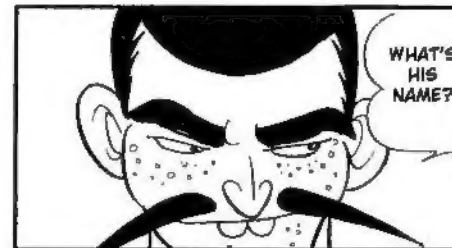
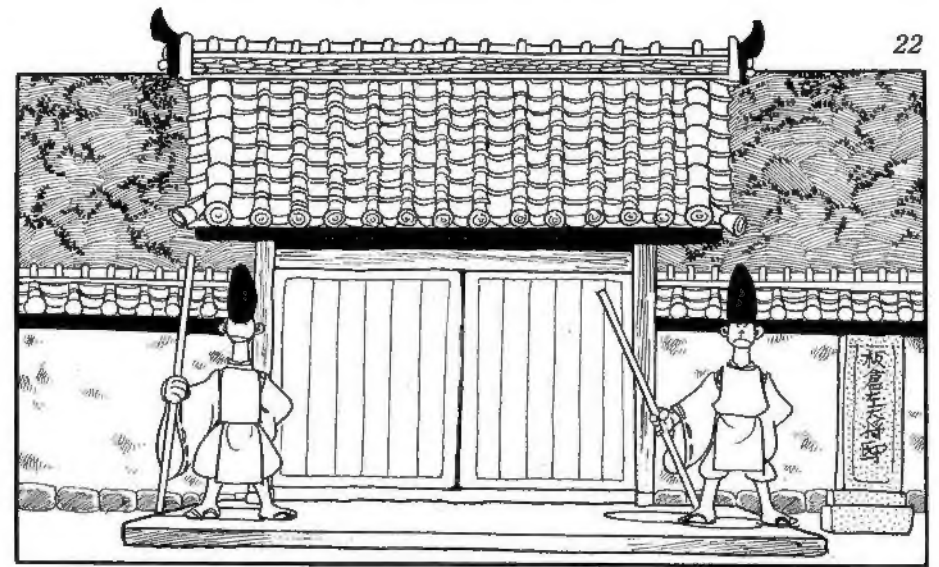
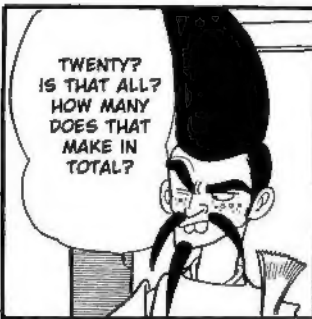
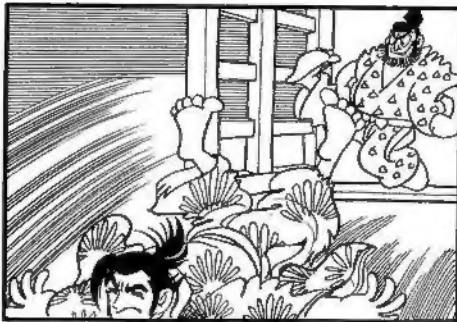


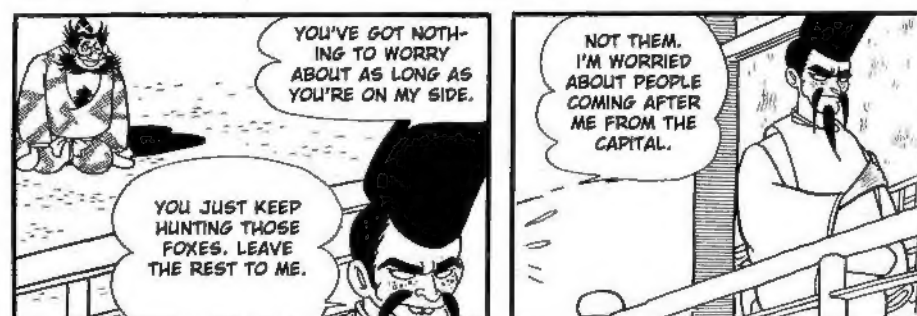
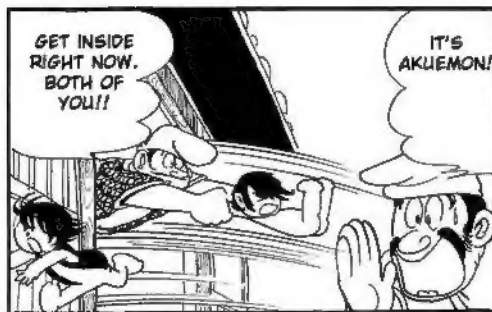
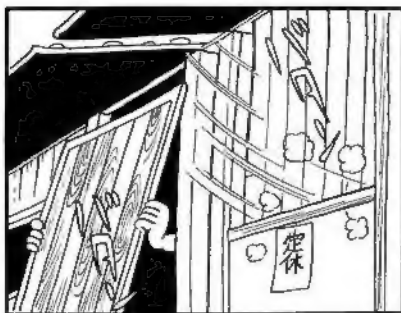


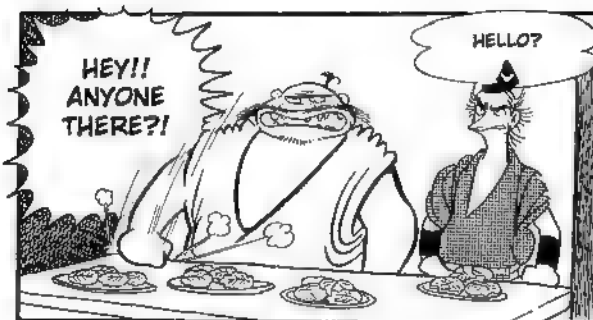


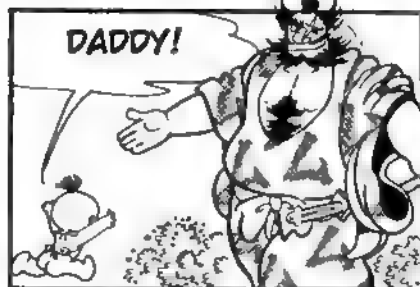
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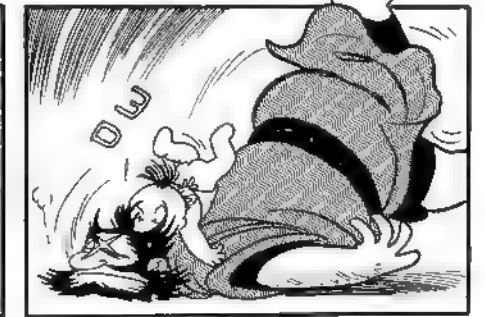
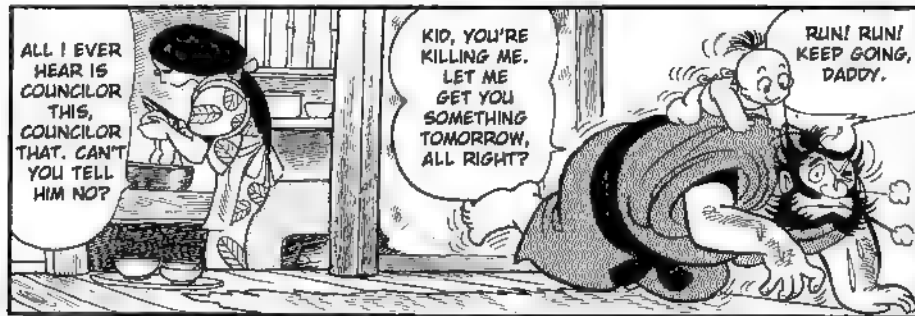


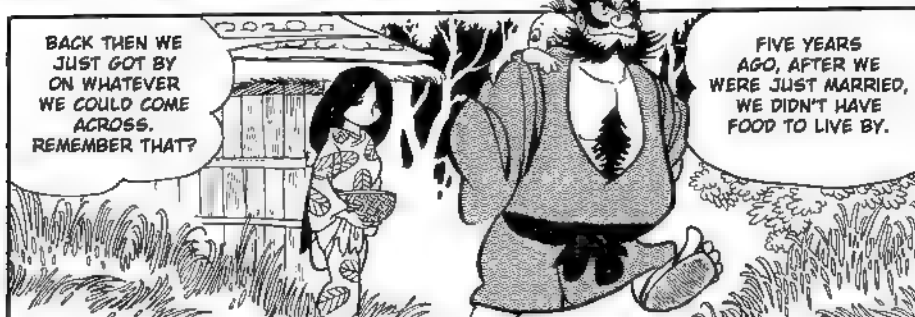


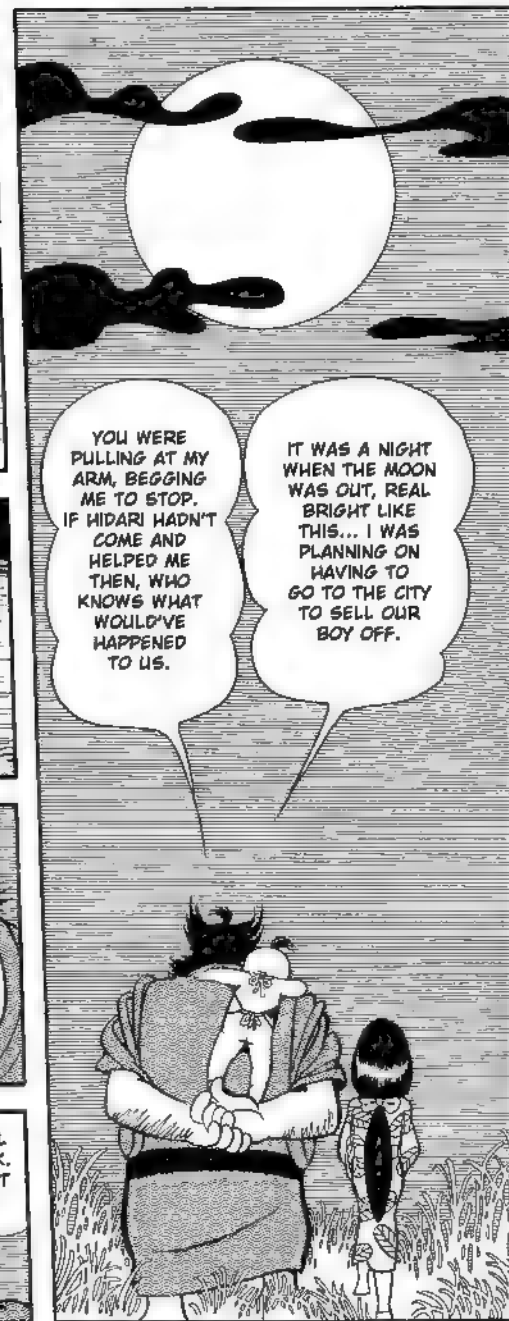
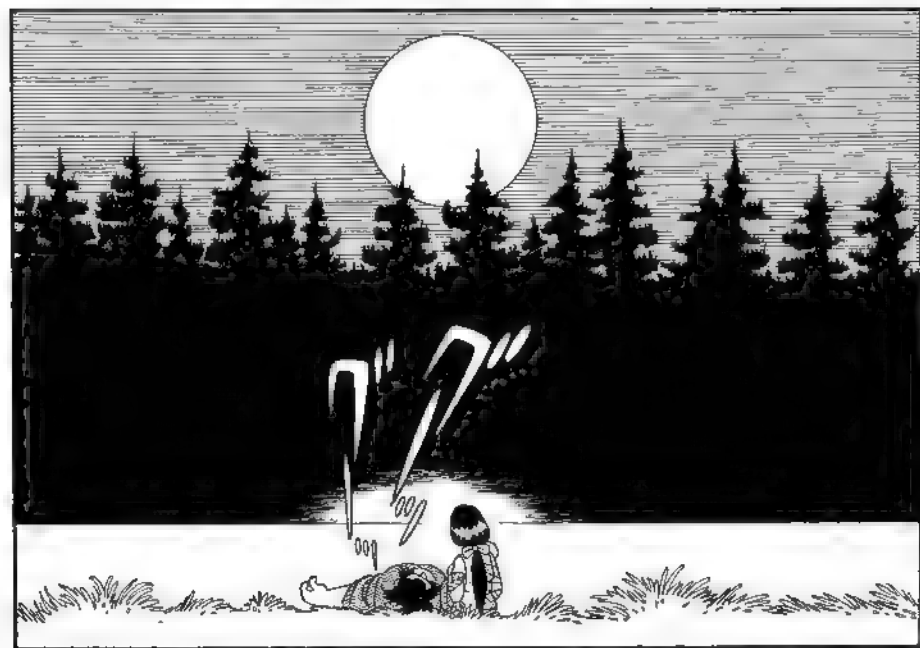




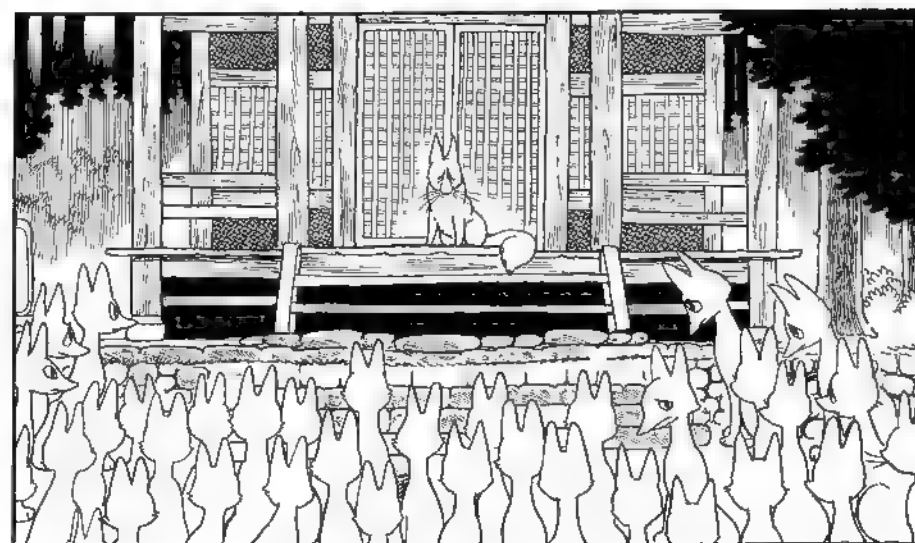
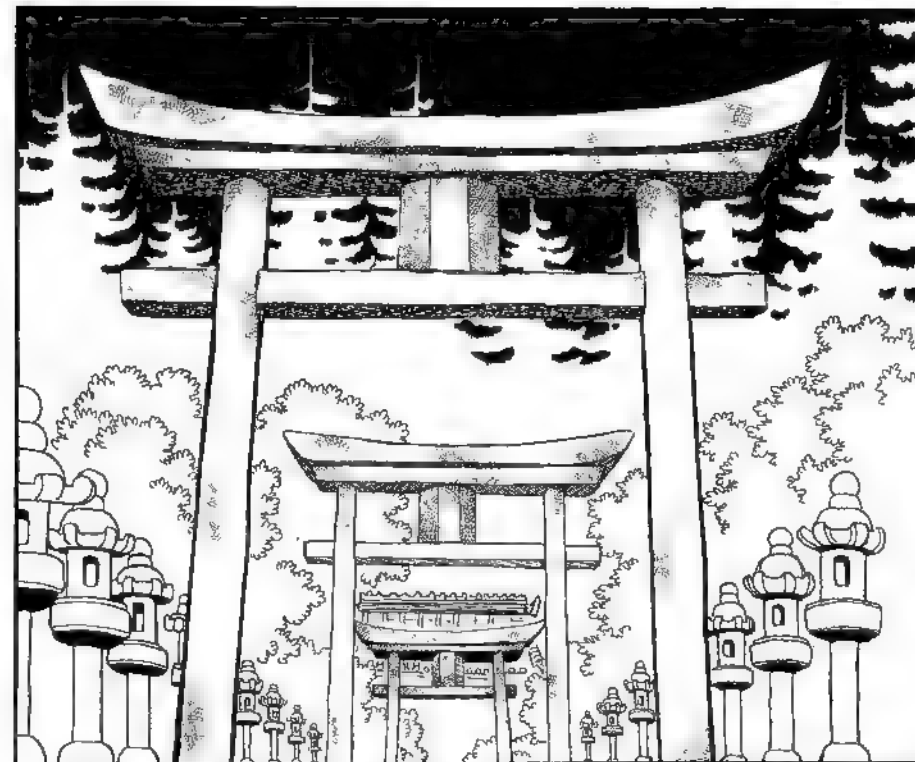




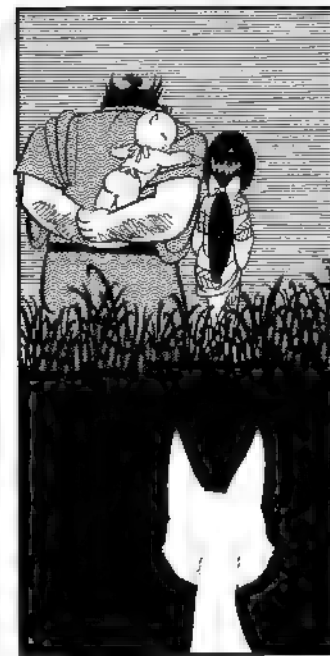
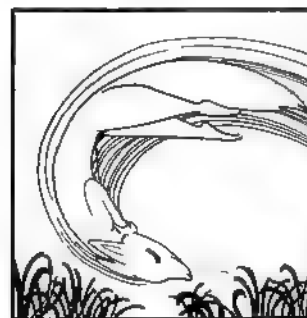
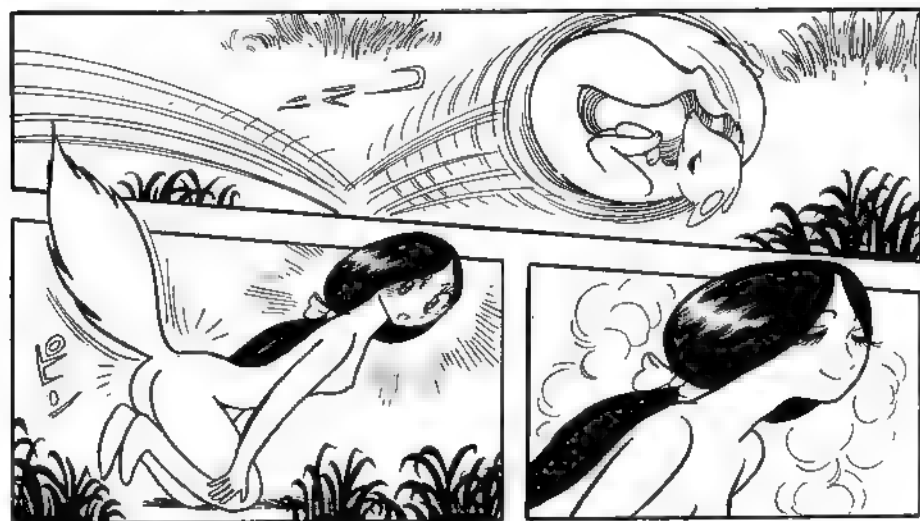


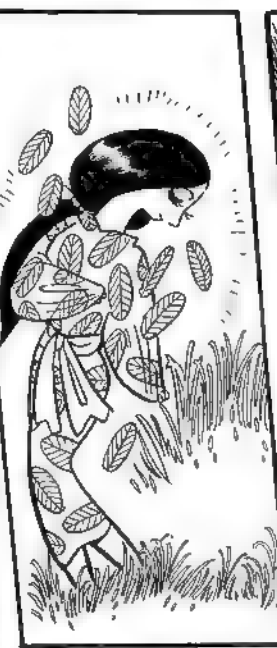
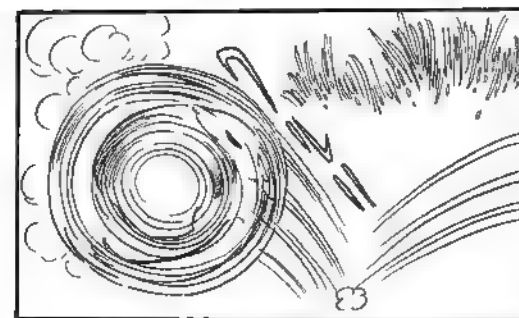
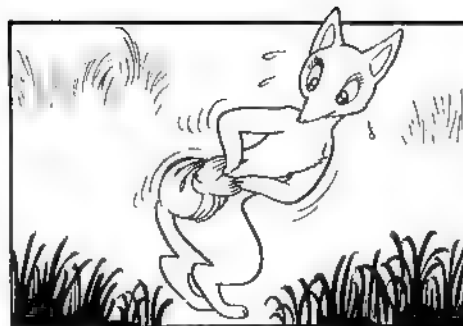
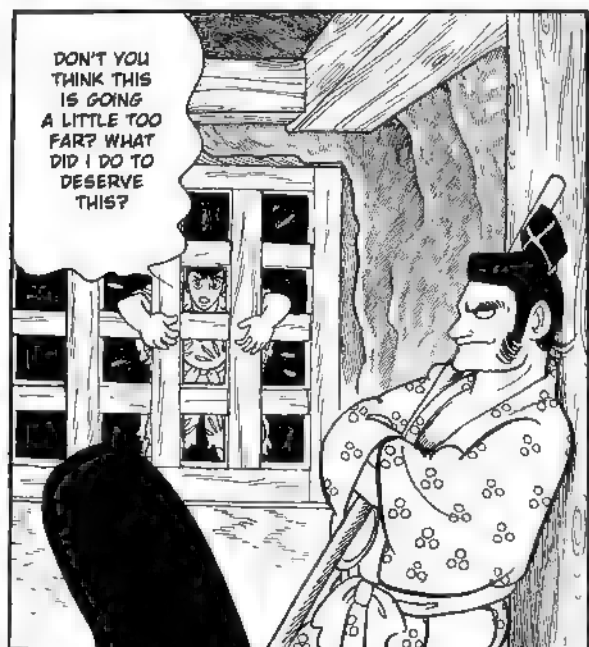






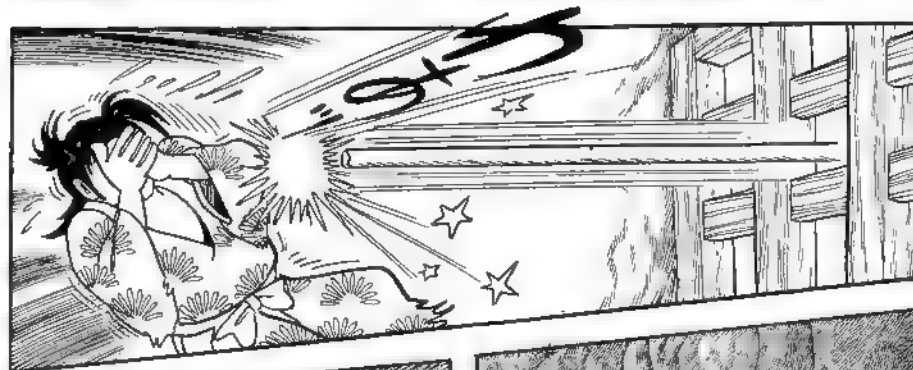
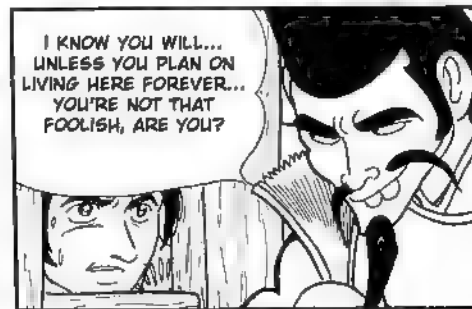
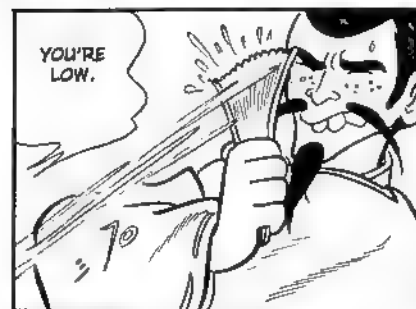


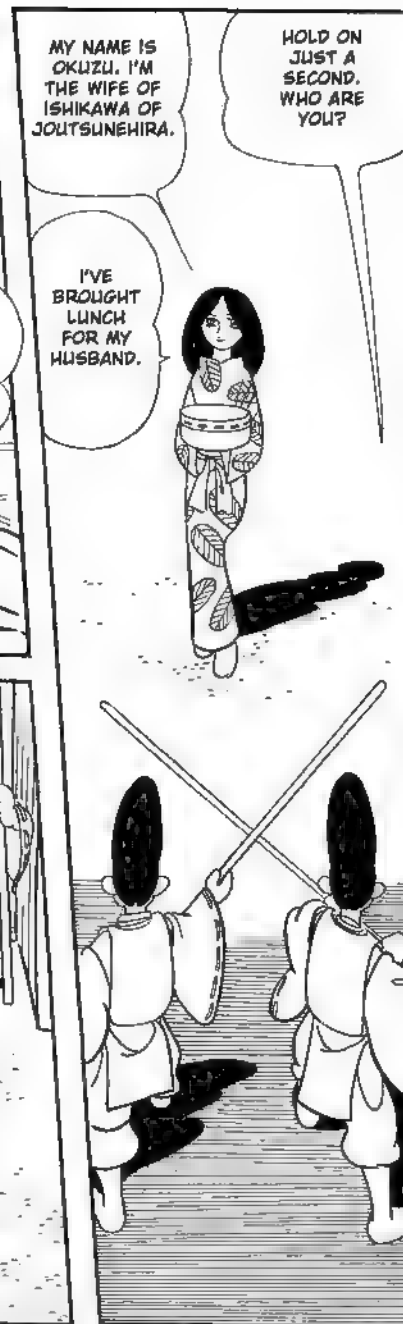
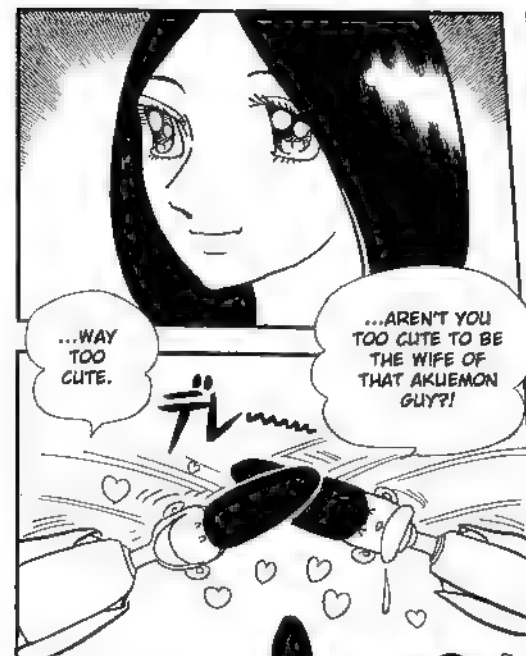
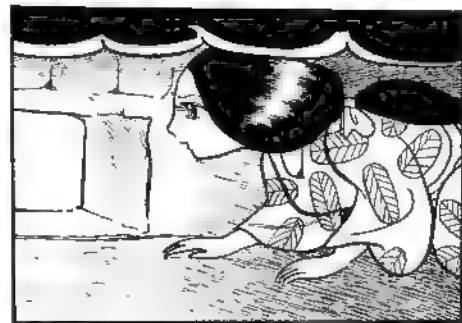
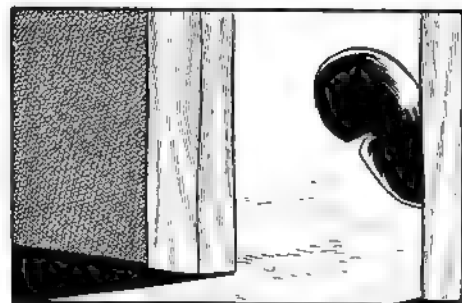




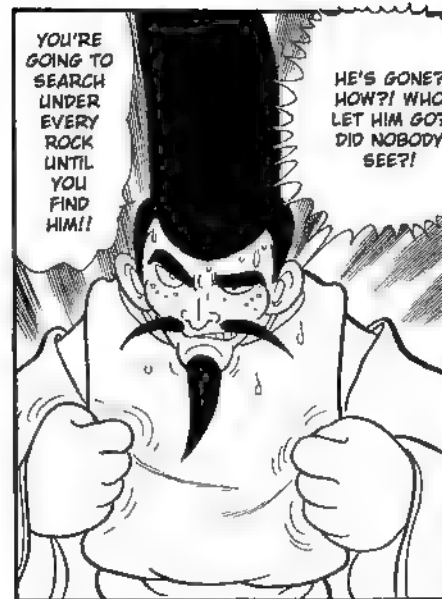
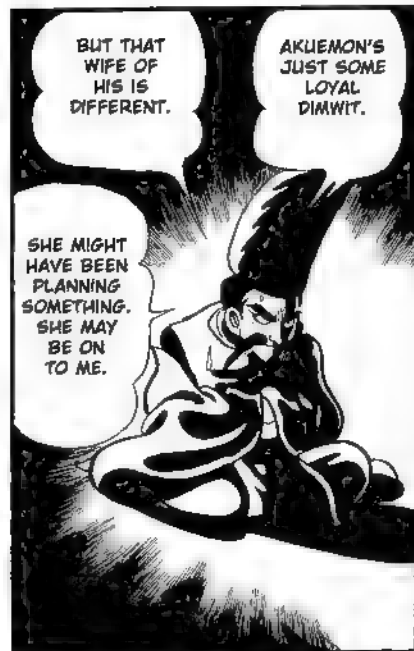


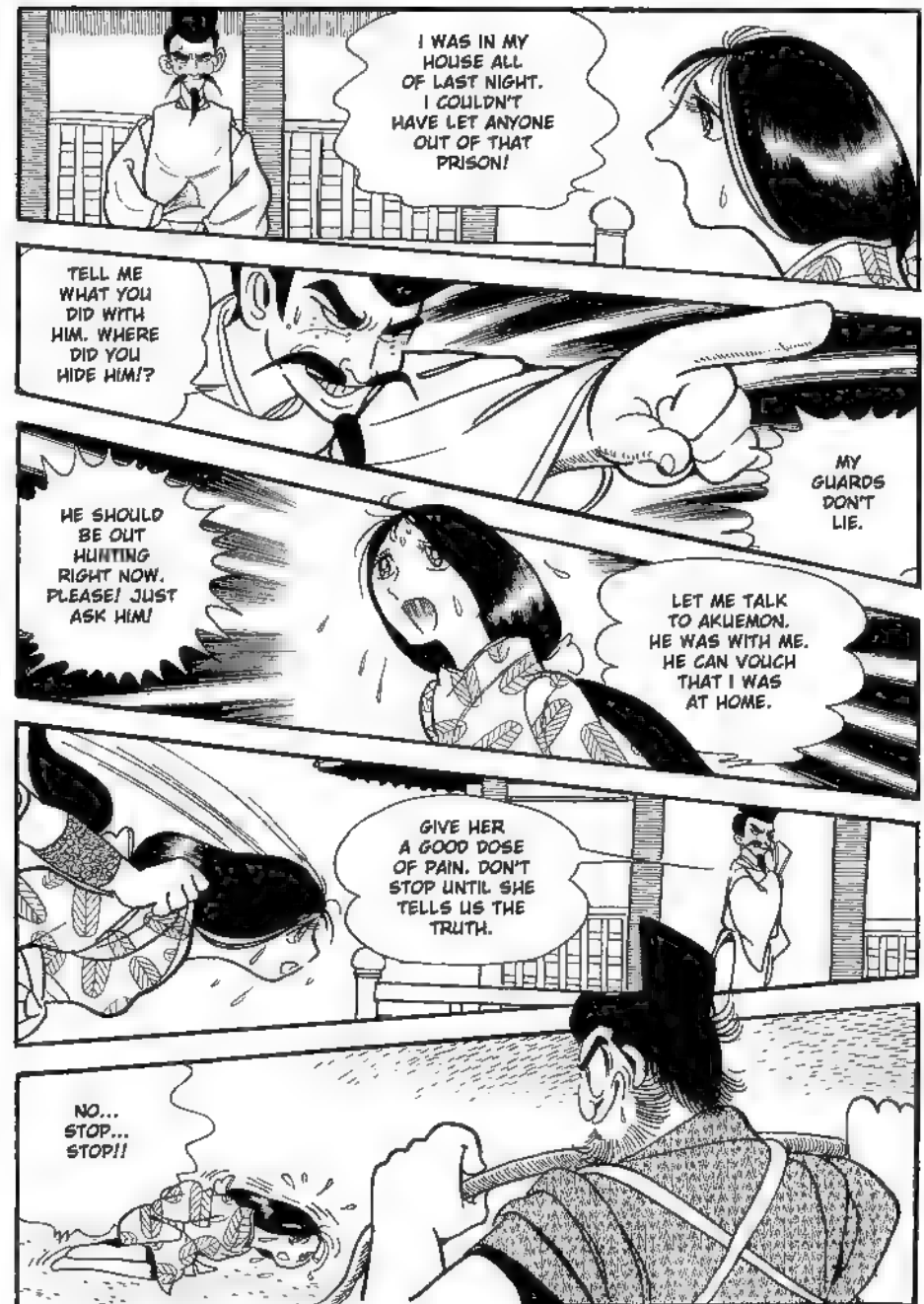
I'LL COME BACK
AFTER YOU'RE
STRONG ENOUGH
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WE'LL JUST DO THIS
IN CYCLES UNTIL
YOU CHOOSE TO
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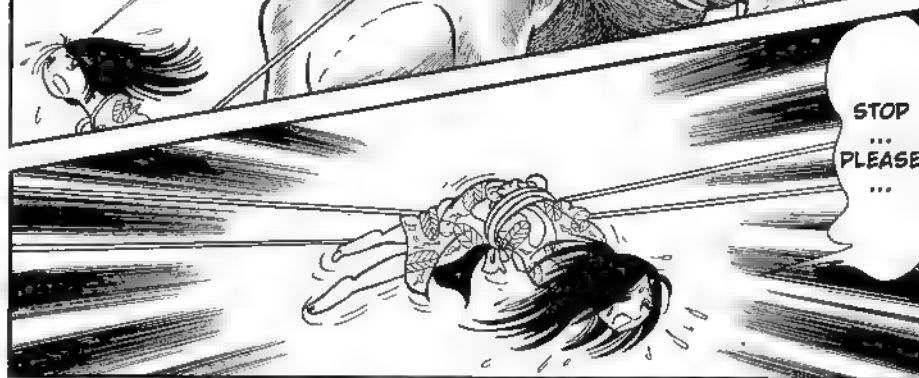
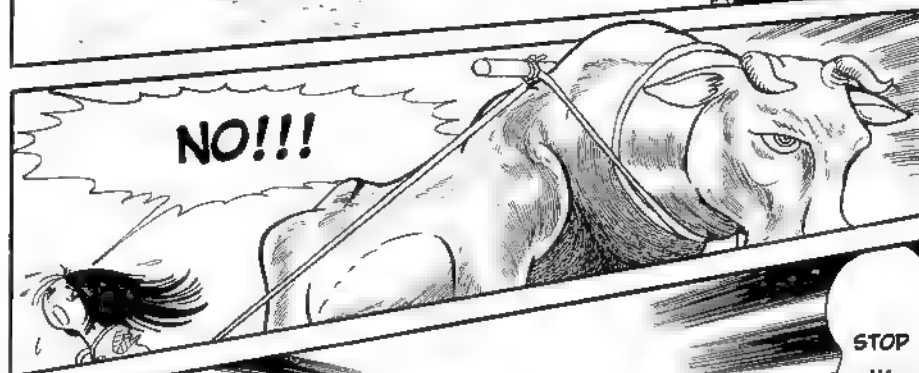
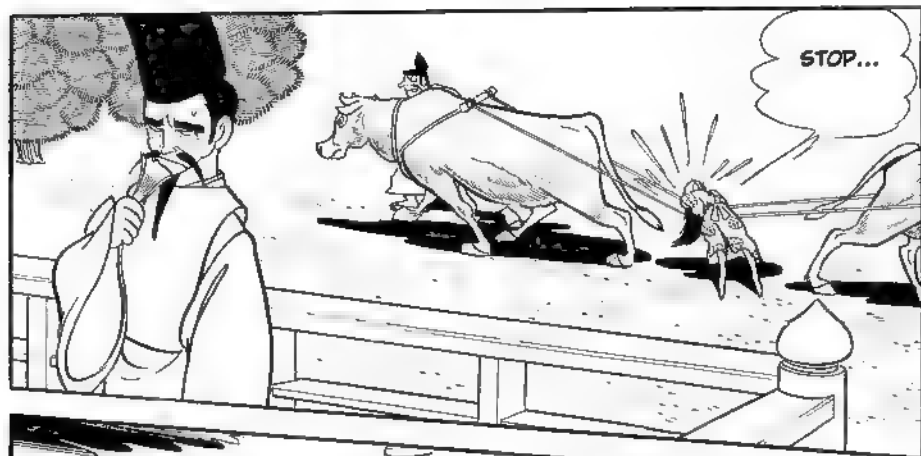


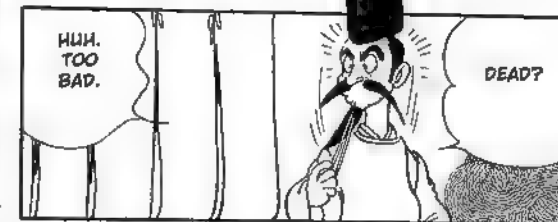
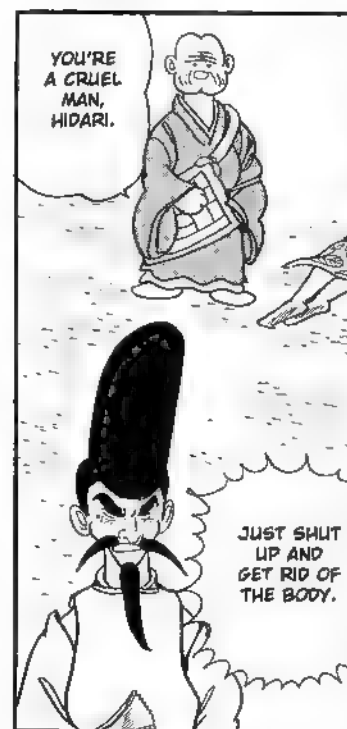
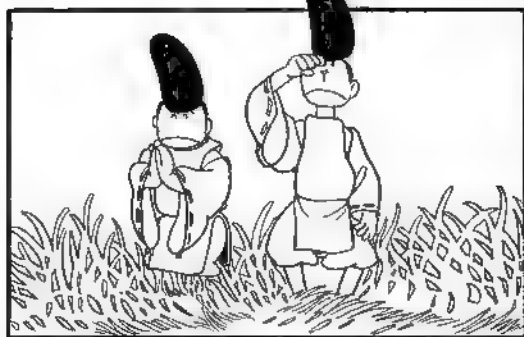
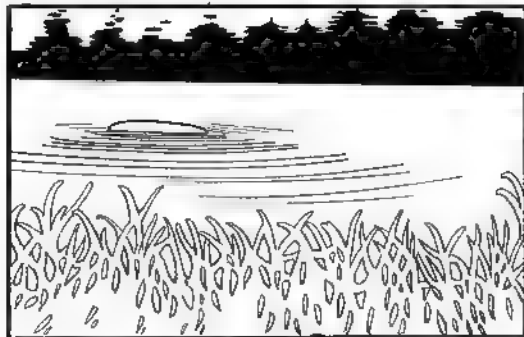
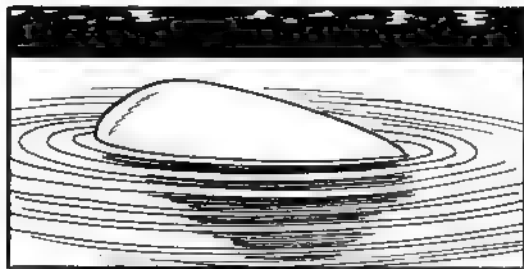
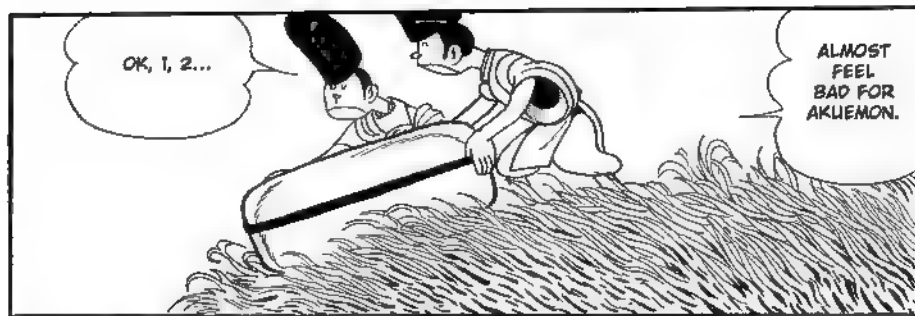




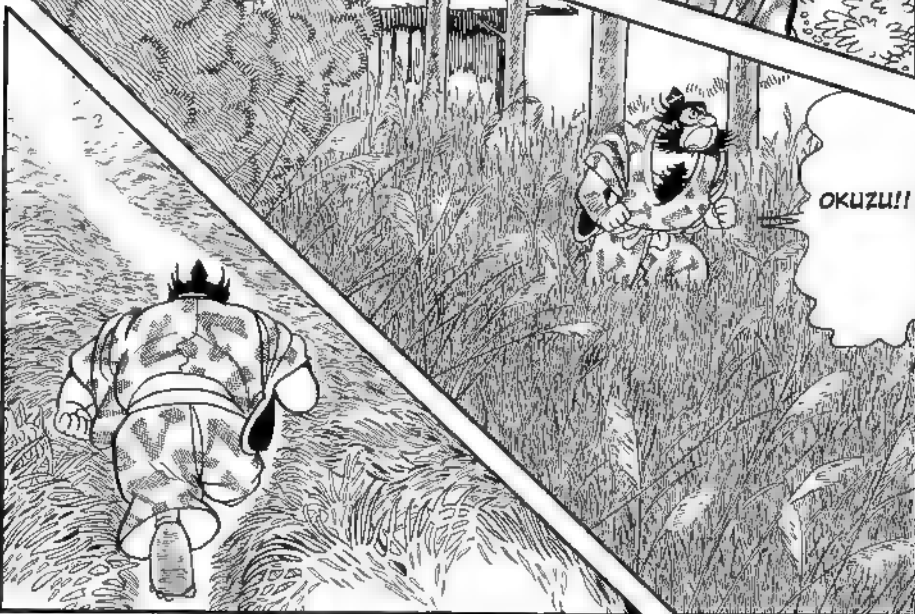


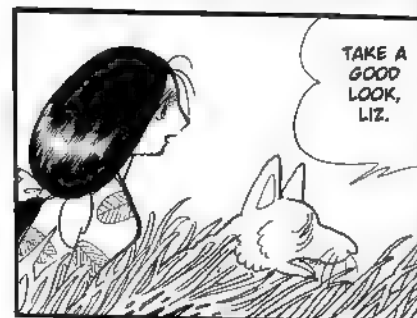


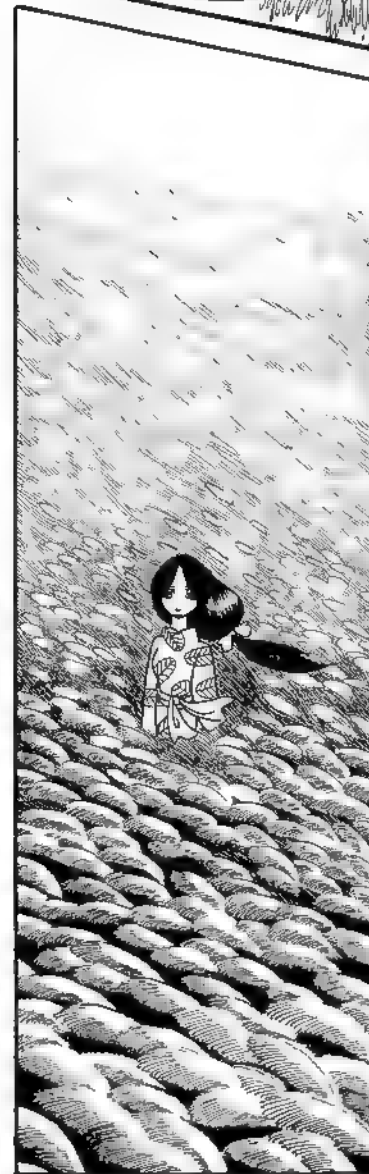
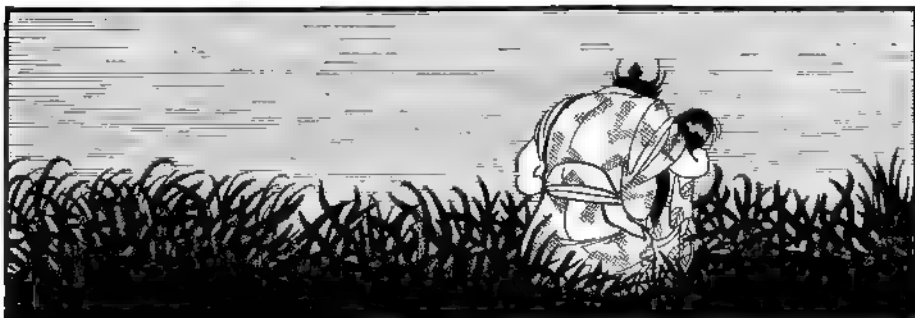
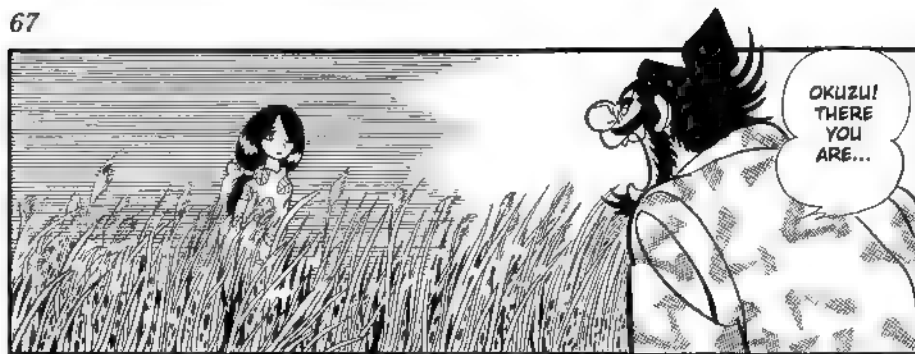




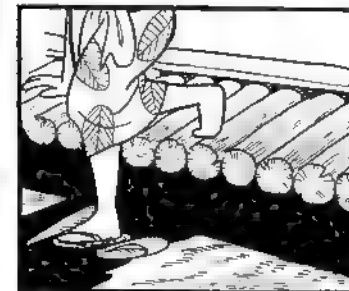
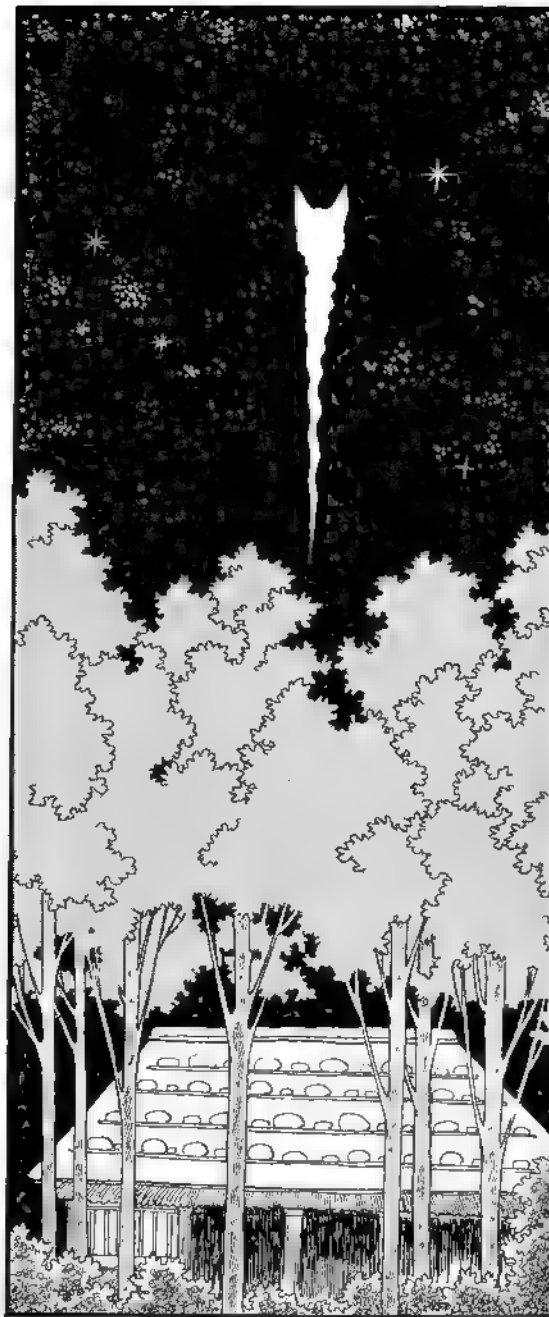
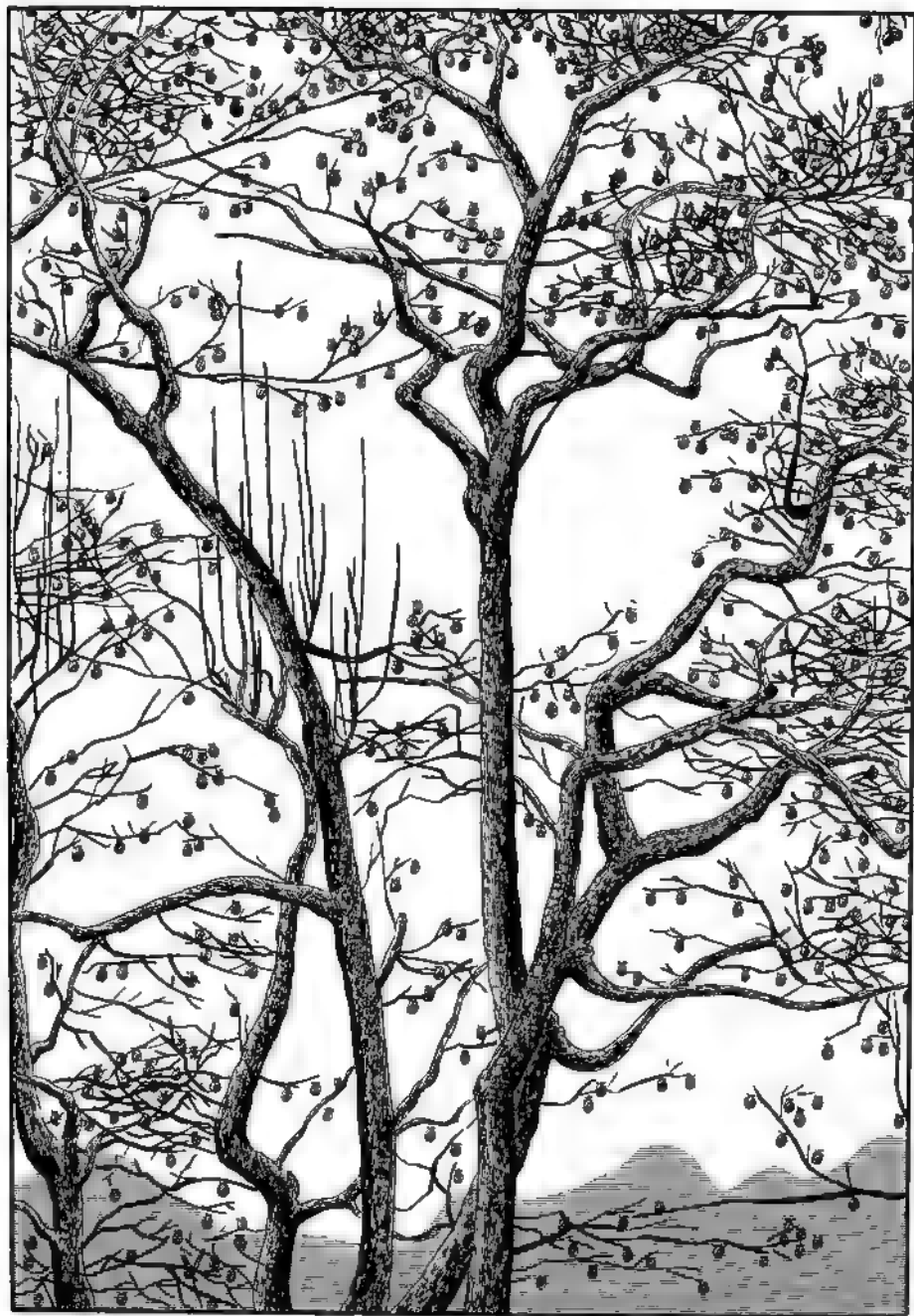


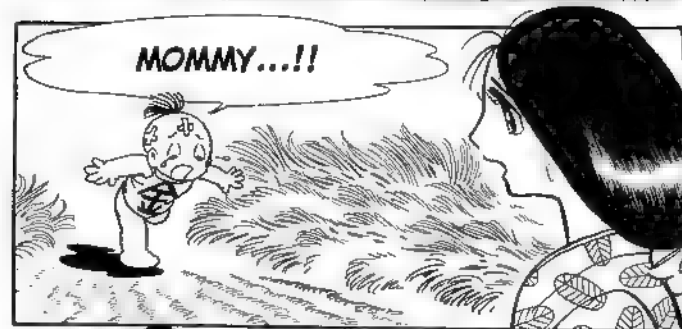
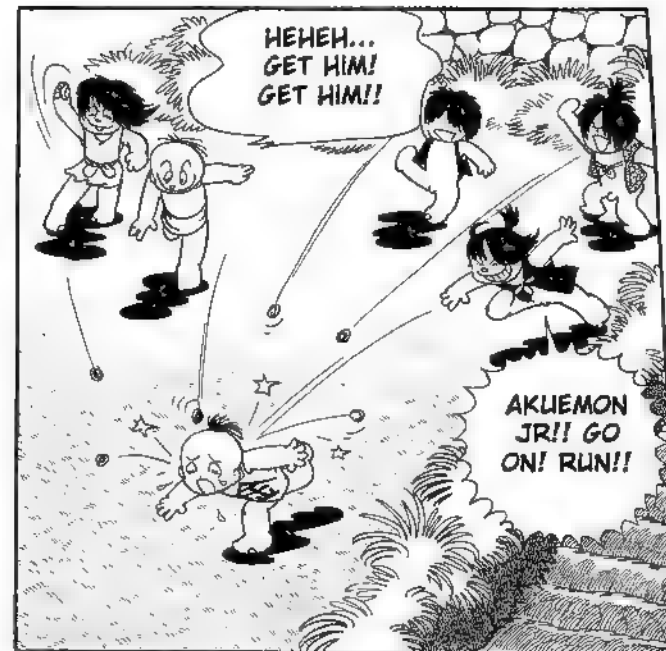




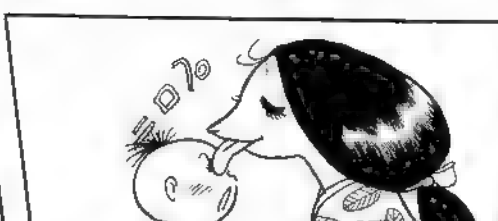
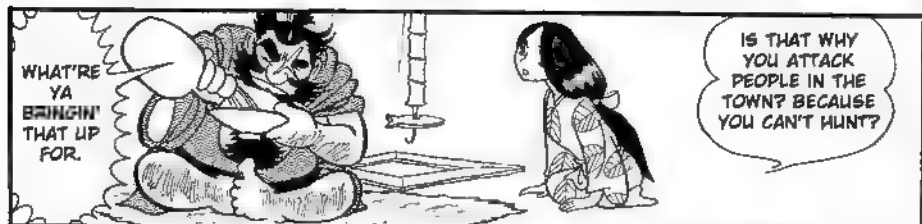


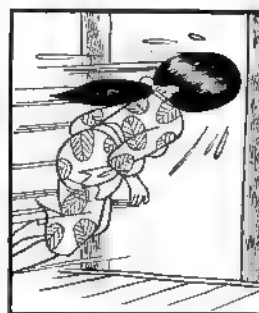
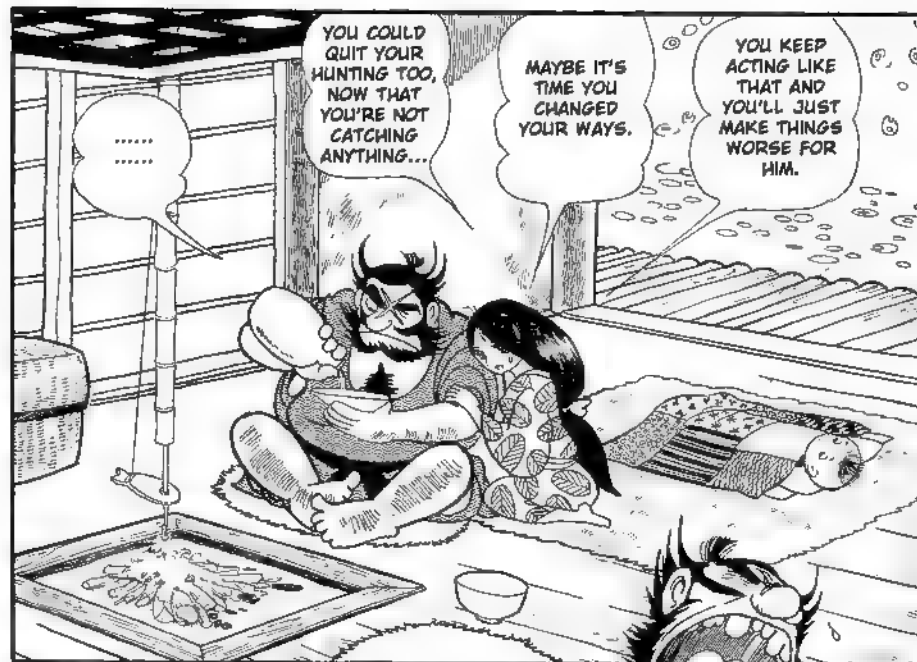






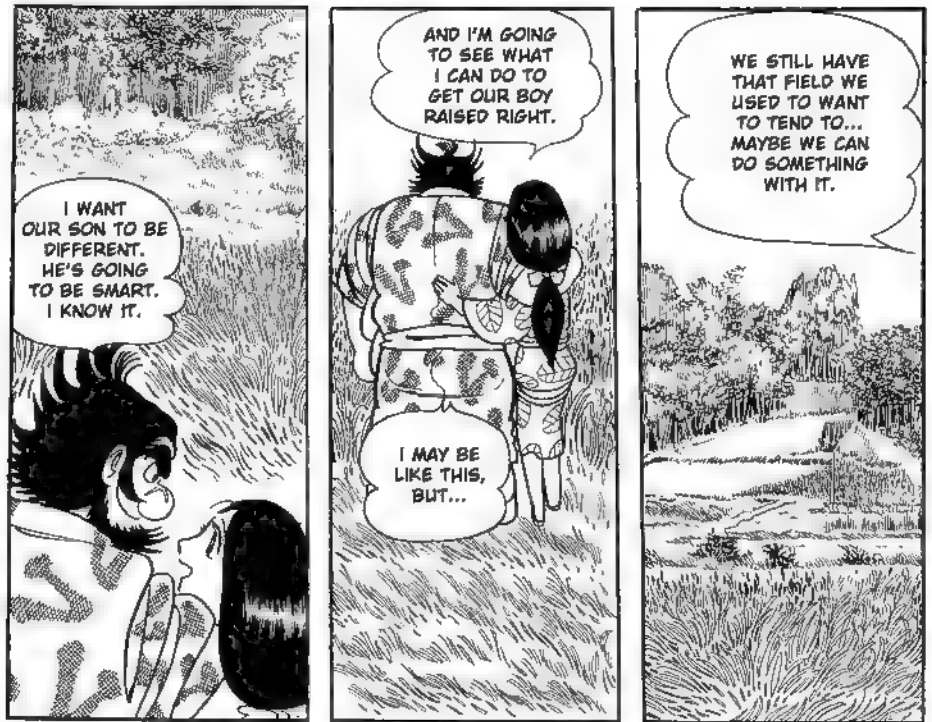
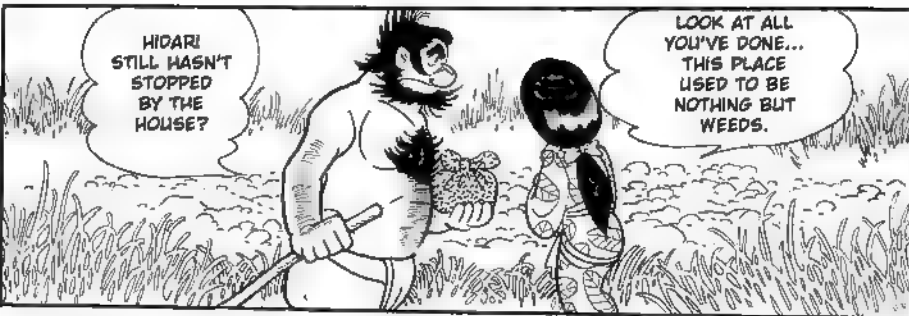
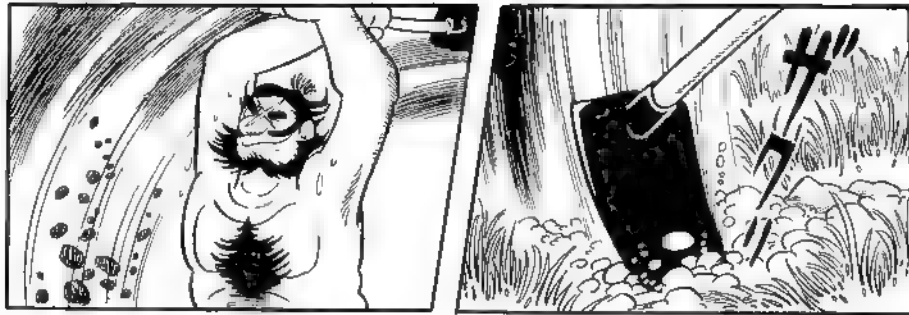
HE'S CROWING "CAW CAW CAW",
WHICH SOUNDS LIKE "CAR CAR CAR..."
THUS "CAR... STEREO",





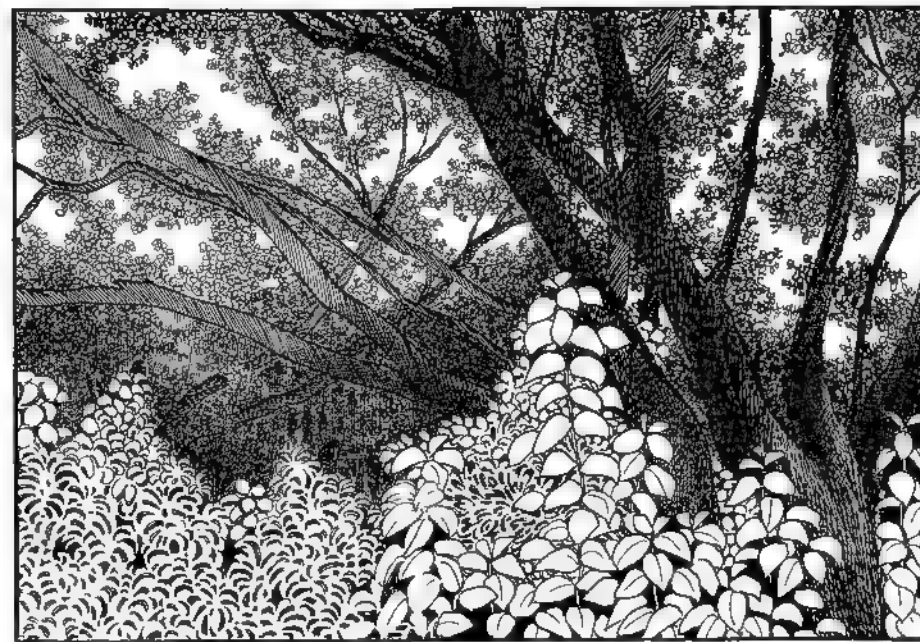
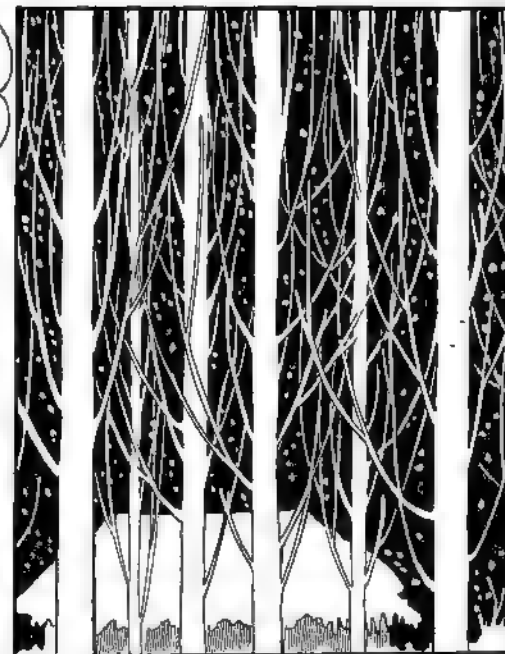
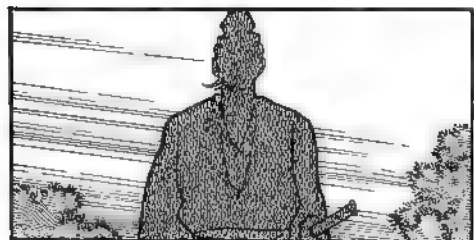














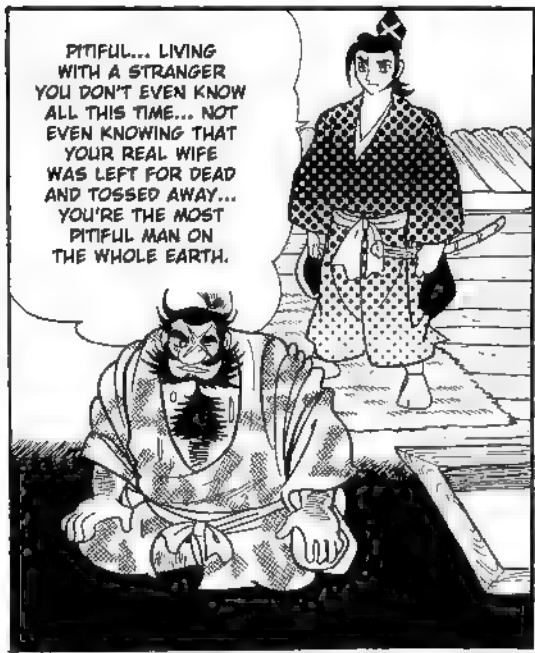


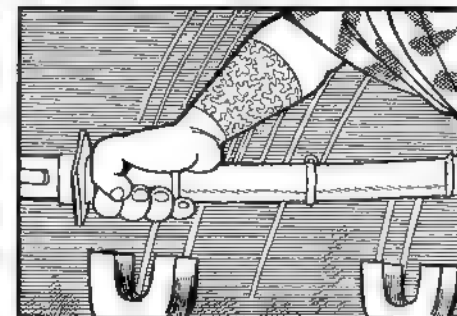


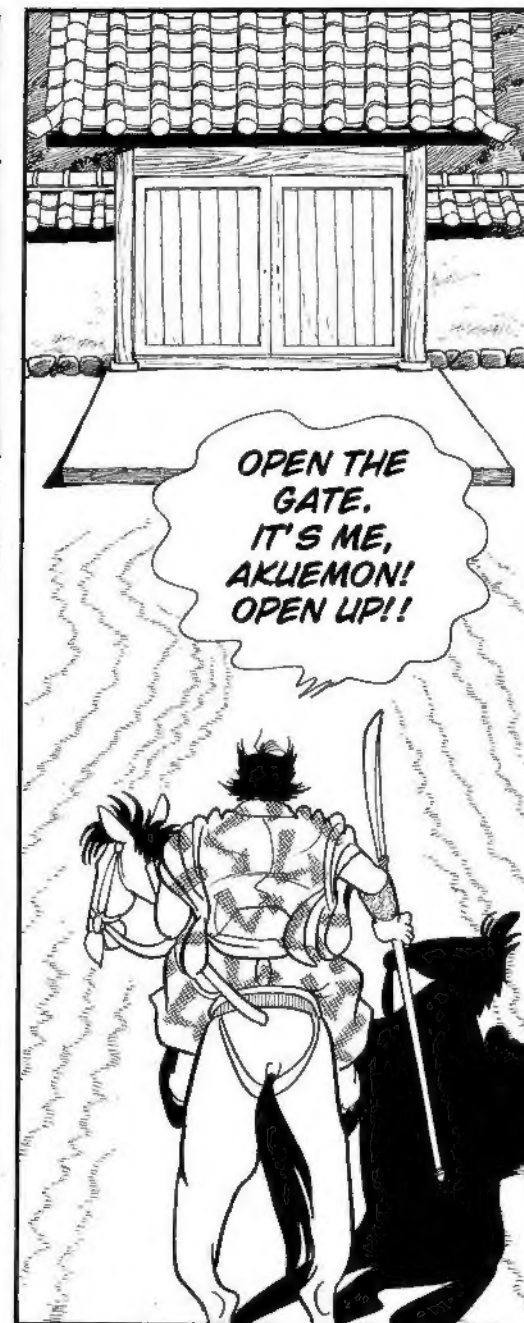


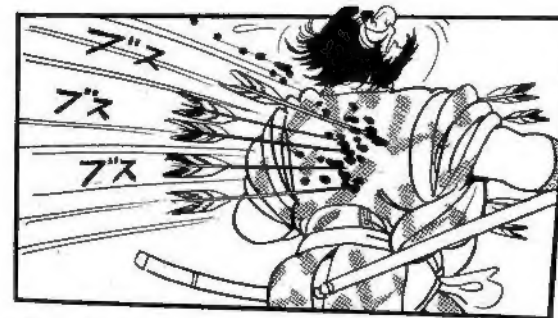
*THE WRITING SAYS TO COME TO THE SPRING
IN THE FOREST WHENEVER YOU WANT TO SEE ME. WELL... IT'S IN
THE DIALOGUE ON THE NEXT PAGE AS WELL BUT ANYWAY...

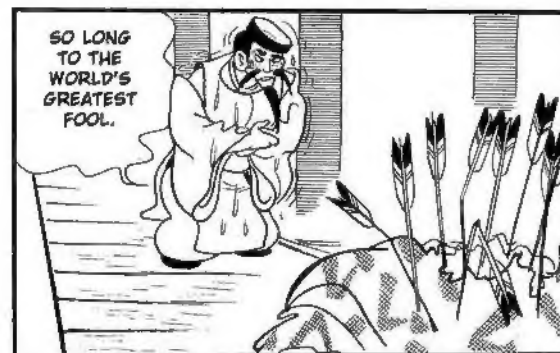
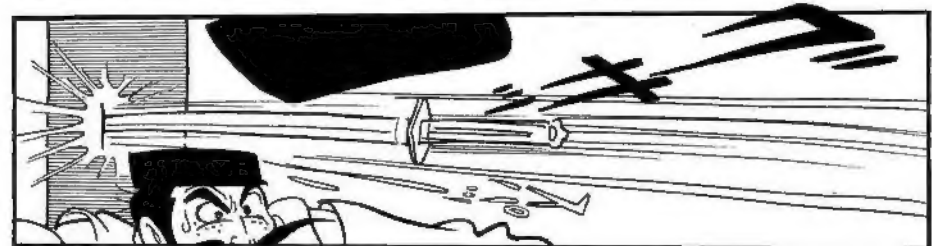
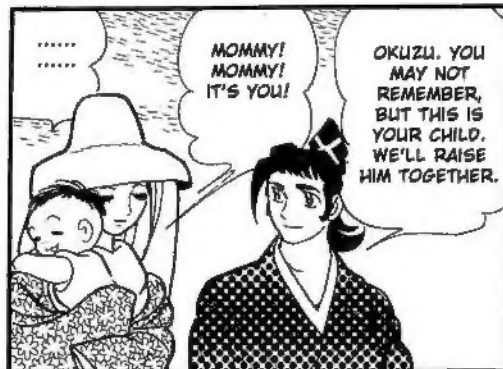
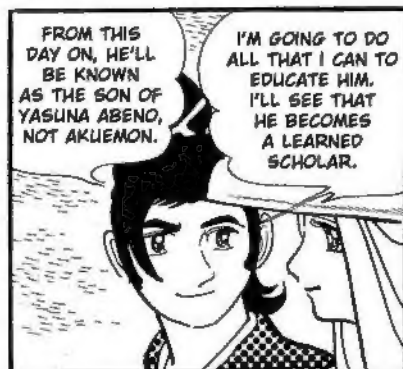






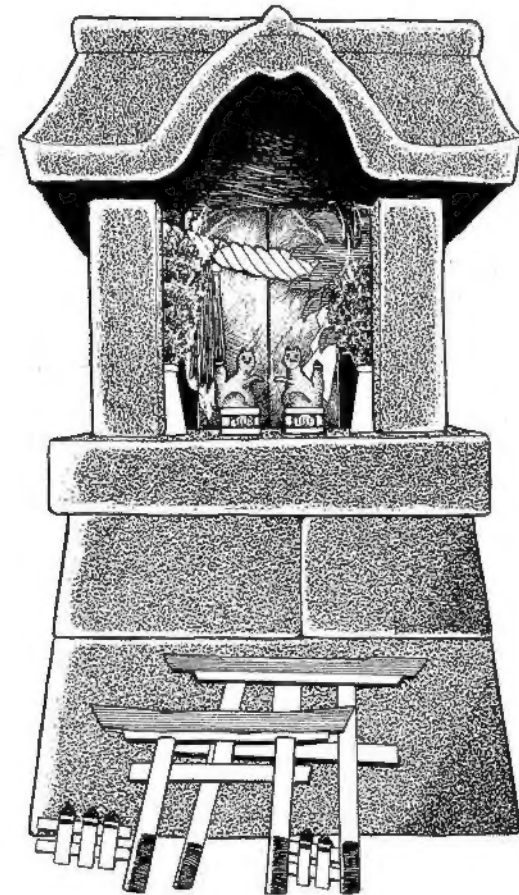






IN THE CITY OF IZUMI IN
OSAKA PREFECTURE, THERE
IS A SHRINE CALLED
KUZUNOHA INARI. THE
SHRINE IS IN PART
DEDICATED TO THE
FOX WHO APPEARED
AS OKUZU. RECORD OF
AKUEMON, HOWEVER,
IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE
SHRINE, NOW ANYWHERE
ELSE IN THE HISTORY
OF JAPAN.*

AND THAT CHILD DID GROW TO
BE A SCHOLAR: SEIMEI ABENO.
ONE OF THE GREATEST
SCHOLARS OF JAPAN.



〔悪右衛門〕 完

*IT'S TRUE... LOOKING ON THE SHRINE'S WEBSITE,
THERE IS A LEGEND SIMILAR TO THIS STORY,
BUT IT IS AN AKUEMON-LESS VERSION.*